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SUMMARY: KOREAN PRESS NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 1 EXTENSIVELY COVERED FRASER COMMITTEE HEARINGS, STRESSING SON HO-YONG TESTIMONY ON "CIA PLAN" AND SUBSEQUENT COMMENTS ON SON AND THE "PLAN" BY OHTER KOREAN WITNESSES, AS WELL AS ADMIRAL LA ROCQUE. FSO KRAUSE'S STATEMENT ALSO REPORTED. NO COMMENTS YET. END SUMMARY.

1. REPORTS ON THE FIRST DAY OF HEARINGS FOCUSSED ON SON HO-YONG TESTIMONY REGARDING KCIA'S "SECRET PLAN" FOR INFLUENCING USG. SON REPORTED TO HAVE RECEIVED THE PLAN FROM AMB KIM YONG-HWAN. PLAN, WHICH SON REPORTEDLY RECEIVED IN EARLY 1976, WAS SAID TO HAVE ROKG APPROVAL, AND ALLEGED SPECIFIED TARGETS IN US. CONGRESS, WHITE HOUSE, STATE DEPT, PRESS, ACADEMIC CIRCLES, RELIGIOUS CIRCLES AND AMONG RESIDENT KOREANS IN US. REPORTS INDICATED NO NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS TARGETED, BUT QUOTED FRASER AS SAYING PLAN BUDGETED AT \$750,000.

2. NOVEMBER 30 CHOSUN ILBO IMPUGNED SON'S CREDIBILITY,
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NOTING HIS ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT OF ROK FUNDS. PAPERS PROMINENTLY REPORTED DERWINSKI DISSENSION FROM FRASER SOPENING STATEMENT, AND CHARGE THAT FRASER' INVESTIGATION WAS "ONE-SIDED".

3. PAPERS ALSO REPORTED PROFESSOR YI CHONG-SIK'S TESTIMONY THAT HE HAD REFUSED AN INVITATION FROM THE KOREAN

UNIFICATION BOARD TO PARTICIPATE IN A SEMINAR,
BUT HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT
CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS. KIM YONG CHIN OF GEORGE
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY REPORTED TO HAVE RECEIVED \$20,000
FROM ROK EDUCATION MIN IN SUPPORT OF A SEMINAR. HOWEVER,
KIM IS QUOTED AS CAUTIONING THAT ALL COUNTRIES,
INCLUDING US MAKE EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE ACADEMIC WORLD.

4. PRESS QUOTED FSO ALLEN KRAUSE'S TESTIMONY REGARDING
HIS SERVICE IN KOREA AND DEPARTMENT, HIS INDICATION THAT
HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A TARGET OF KOREAN OPERATIONS WHEN
HE SERVED IN ROK, AND THAT KOREAN OFFICIALS MADE EFFORTS
TO INTRODUCE HIM TO PEOPLE "LIKE MOVIE STARS."

5. DECEMBER 1 COVERAGE SON'S TESTIMONY FOCUSSED
ON HIS REVELATION OF ATTEMPTS TO STOP KIM HYONG UK
FROM TESTIFYING. ALSO COVERED TESTIMONY OF RET ADM LA ROCQUE,
SHO SAID THAT HE VISITED KOREA AT INVITATION OF KOREAN
AMBASSADOR, RECEIVED HONORARY DEGREE, BUT DID NOT CONSIDER
HIMSELF MANIPULATED BY ROKG. ADM LA ROCQUE QUOTED AS
SAYING THAT US IS INVOLVED IN SAME TYPE OF ACTIVITIES
IN KOREA AND THAT THE KOREANS' METHODS OF INFLUENCE
WERE ADOPTED FROM US CIA.

6. PRESS CITED AMB KIM YONG-SIK'S DENIAL OF ALL ALLEGATIONS
REGARDING PLANS FOR INTELLIGENE NETWORK IN US. PRESS
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ALSO REPORTED THAT MAJOR US PAPERS HAVE DENIED KNOWLEDGE
OF KCIA ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE THEIR ORGANIZATIONS.

7. NO EDITORIALS OR COMMENTARIES IN PRESS SO FAR.
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